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May it please Your Highness,

WE, the Chairman and Members of the Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board, beg leave to offer to Your Highness our most loyal and respectful welcome on this occasion when we have reached a definite landmark in the programme of improvement and expansion of this ancient and historic City, the administrative capital of the great State of Mysore.

Bangalore with its most enviable climate and its commercial and strategic and cultural importance has, during these many years, spread

far beyond the original confines set by its famous Founder, Magadi Kempe Gowda. Today, the City and the Civil Station have together a population of 7,00,000 crowded in about 60,000 houses which, by the standards prescribed by the National Planning Authority, is less than the required number by 80,000. Consequent on the concentration of big and small industries within the residential areas, slums have inevitably grown up and have added to the acute problem of housing shortage.

In September 1945, the Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board was formed by Government with a view to take all necessary steps to relieve the housing shortage by opening new Extensions, building houses for the poor and middle classes and to draw up plans for the improvement and expansion of the City. After an Aerial Survey of an area of 104 sq. miles, the Board has so far formulated the following schemes for opening out new Extensions :—

The Jayanagar Extension for 6,000 sites, Kumara Park West

Extension for 250 sites, Ramakrishna Mutt Extension for 125 sites Vyalikaval Extension for 600 sites, Palace Guttahalli Extension for 260 sites, and Sunkenahalli Extension for 280 sites.

The total estimated cost of these schemes which are self-supporting is Rs. 1,31,51,000. In addition, schemes of Slum Clearance in Sultanpet, Chamarajapet and Mysore Road have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 4,16,729. Opening out new roads and construction of an underbridge across the M. & S.M. Railway line at a cost of Rs. 220,000 have

also been taken up. 104 Tenemental Quarters costing Rs. 2,62,080 and 50 houses of Middle Classes costing in all Rs. 3,75,000 have been built in the Kumara Park Extension and are to be disposed of.

While on the one hand the Jayanagar and other Extensions were taken up to solve the Housing Problem of the City, the Board took on the other, the question of shifting the industrial concerns within the City to a Suburb specially formed for the purpose, so as to secure development on proper lines. The Government have sanctioned the

scheme of the Western Industrial Suburb covering an area of 2,000 acres. It is situated in a convenient area outside the City limits and stretches from Yesvanthapur up to and beyond the Mysore Road. When completed, the cost of the entire scheme is estimated to be a Crore of rupees.

The North Zone area of this Suburb comprises 500 acres for location of Factories and providing for 140 sites of varying dimensions. The Factories are zoned into specific blocks depending on the nature

of the industry. The work of formation of roads, drains and marking of sites for Textiles, Machinery Manufacture, Chemical, Food and other industries, is completed. A Housing Area of 500 acres is provided nearby to accommodate the employees working in the concerns in the Suburb including the Superior Staff, making no distinction in this regard and providing common civic amenities to all of them. It is a township by itself with 4,000 sites. The total estimated cost of the layout of this Housing Area is Rs. 34,00,000. The work is already on hand.

Government have placed with the Trust Board a sum of Rs. 10,00,000 for constructing 660 Labour Quarters each at a cost of Rs. 1,250 and consisting of two rooms, kitchen, bath and a backyard.

Your Highness was pleased to visit all these areas in November 1946. The keen interest Your Highness evinced then in these schemes has been a source of great inspiration and encouragement to the Board.

In August last year, His Excellency Sri. C. Rajagopalachari, the Governor-General of India, was pleased to inaugurate the Jayanagar

Extension providing for 6,000 sites naming it after Your Highness. 2,000 sites are ready for allotment. His Excellency visited all these Extensions again during his visit to the City in May 1949 and expressed his great pleasure at the progress of the works. We may be permitted to quote from the Message which His Excellency left behind the following words about Bangalore :—

"It has given me great pleasure to see the admirable plans of City Extensions that are being executed with commendable expedition.

Bangalore will always remain the most beautiful City of India. Nature has helped but no small credit goes to the traditions established in this respect by previous Administrators, which are being well maintained by their present Successors."

We should particularly mention on this occasion with gratitude the ready and generous help—financial and technical—that the Government have given to the Board in the prosecution of the various schemes of the Board. Sums aggregating in all to Rs. 1,80,00,000 have been

sanctioned to be advanced to the Board to meet the cost of these schemes.

We are glad to mention that the utmost cordiality prevails between this Trust Board and the Bangalore City Municipality soon to become a Corporation. They are the ultimate beneficiaries of these schemes.

We are deeply grateful to Your Highness for consenting to inaugurate the Western Industrial Suburb today. To the people of Mysore, Your Highness typifies its very soul and the embodiment of its hopes

and aspirations. Your Highness's deep interest in the welfare, progrees and happiness of the subjects and Your Highness's interest in seeing that Bangalore remains ever the Queen of the Cities in India, does not need repetition.

The first Factory in the Suburb that of Messrs. Kirloskar Electric Co., Ltd., has started production of Electric Motors. It is the earnest desire and prayer that on this occasion Your Highness may be pleased to open their Factory.

On behalf of the Members of the City Improvement Trust Board, I respectfully pray that Your Highness may be graciously pleased to inaugurate this Industrial Suburb and to name it as "RAJAJI NAGAR" after the first Governor-General of a Free and Independent India. We may claim with pride His Excellency Sri. C. Rajagopalachari as a Bangalorean and more than that, as one who has been evincing personally a very great interest in Bangalore and its orderly growth and expansion.

In conclusion, we wish your Highness and the Members of the Royal House of Mysore long life, health and every happiness.

We beg leave to remain,
Your Highness,
Your Highness's most loyal subjects,

The Chairman and Members of
The Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board.

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